



Exhibit A

Atty. Dkt. No. 39153/433 (C167596-CIP)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Sander, et al.
Title: MINIMIZING TRANSISTOR
SIZE IN INTEGRATED
CIRCUITS
Appl. No.: unknown
Filing Date: unknown
CPA Filed: 04/23/2001
Examiner: Nguyen, T.
Art Unit: 2813

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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
REQUEST TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
Box CPA
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), Continued Prosecution Application (CPA), for a:

☐ Continuation

☒ Divisional

application of the above-identified prior nonprovisional application of:

Craig S. Sander
Rich K. Klein
Asim A. Selcuk
Nicholas J. Kepler
Christopher A. Spence
Raymond T. Lee
John C. Holst
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in which no payment of issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this CPA.

☒ Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(I).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of ___ listed reference(s).
- ☐ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Fee Totals
Basic Fee				\$710.00	\$710.00
Total Claims:	20	- 20	= 0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independents:	3	- 3	= 0	x \$80.00	= \$0.00
If any Multiple Dependent Claim(s) present:			+	\$270.00	= \$0.00
				SUBTOTAL:	= \$710.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):				=
				TOTAL FILING FEE:	= \$710.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ The required filing fees are not enclosed but will be submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

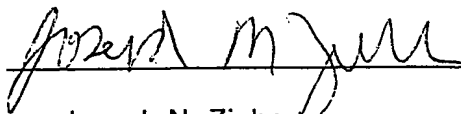
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Respectfully submitted,

Date

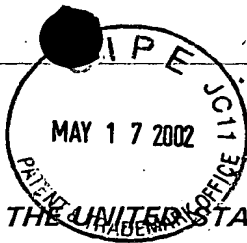
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, delete the first full paragraph, and replace this paragraph with the following in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. A marked up version showing changes is attached.

a1 The present application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/515,875 filed on February 29, 2000 by Sander, et al. which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application No. 09/119,934 filed on July 21, 1998 by Klein, et al.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-18 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 23-38.